

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations  
and is not a part of the Official Record

## **BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,  
please do not report the images to the  
Image Problem Mailbox.**

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 and 2 (Canceled).

3 (New): A method for retrofitting a bucket including

a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion, and

a wire member including

first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,

a central section intermediate the first and second ends, and

a gripping member mounted on the central section of the wire member,

the method including the steps of

(a) removing the gripping member;

(b) providing a replacement unit for the gripping member, the replacement unit including first and second identical pieces shaped and dimensioned to be mounted on the central section of the wire member by

(i) rotating said first piece one-hundred and eighty degrees from an initial orientation that is identical to that of said second piece, and

(ii) snapping said first piece into said second piece by moving one of said pieces in a direction of travel normal to the central section of the wire member such that said first and second pieces are mounted on and circumscribe the central section,

each of said pieces including

- 1 (iii) at least one clip tab,  
2 (iv) at least one opening formed to receive said clip tab on the other of said  
3 pieces such that said clip tab on the other of said pieces snaps into said  
4 opening, and  
5 (v) an arcuate groove shaped to receive a portion of the central section of the  
6 wire member; and,  
7  
8 (c) mounting the replacement unit on the central section of the wire member by  
9 (i) rotating said first piece one-hundred and eighty degrees from an initial  
10 orientation that is identical to that of said second piece, and  
11 (ii) snapping said first piece into said second piece in a fixed position by moving  
12 one of said pieces in a direction of travel normal to the central section of the  
13 wire member such that  
14  
15 said clip tab on each of said pieces each slide into one of said  
16 openings on the other of said pieces and snap into said one of said  
17 openings,  
18 a portion of the central section nests in said arcuate groove, and  
19 said first and second pieces circumscribe the central section.  
20  
21  
22 4. (New): In combination with a bucket, the bucket including  
23 a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion, and  
24 a wire member including  
25 first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,  
26 a central section intermediate the first and second ends, and  
27 a gripping member mounted on the central section of the wire member,  
28

1 the improvements for providing a handle for the wire member, said improvements including  
2 first and second identical pieces shaped and dimensioned to be mounted on the central  
3 section of the wire member by

4 (a) rotating said first piece one-hundred and eighty degrees from an initial orientation  
5 that is identical to that of said second piece; and,

6 (b) snapping said first piece into said second piece by moving one of said pieces in a  
7 direction of travel normal to the central section of the wire member such that said  
8 first and second pieces are mounted on and circumscribe the central section,  
9

10 each of said pieces including

11 (c) at least one clip tab extending outwardly from said piece;

12 (d) at least one opening extending completely through said piece and formed to receive  
13 said clip tab on the other of said pieces such that said clip tab on the other of said  
14 pieces snaps into said opening to hold said pieces fixedly together when one of said  
15 first and second pieces is displaced in said direction of travel toward the other of  
16 said first and second pieces and toward the central section of the wire member; and  
17

18 (e) an arcuate groove shaped to receive a portion of the central section of the wire  
19 member such that said portion of the central section nests in said groove.  
20  
21

22  
23 *AI Concluded*  
24  
25